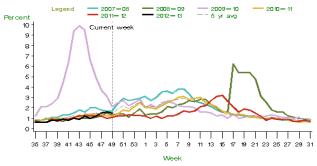
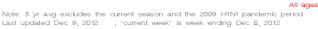
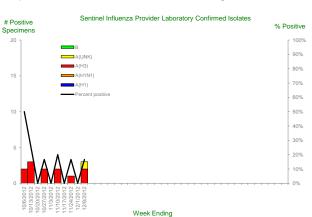


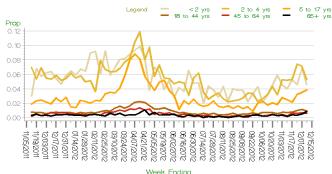
Influenza activity continued to increase in King County during week 49. All subtyped positive specimens from outpatient surveillance have been identified as influenza A(H3). The proportion of hospital rapid antigen tests positive for flu is above average compared to this time in past years; in recent weeks, all positive tests have been influenza A. The proportion of emergency department visits attributed to influenza-like illness during week 49 increased among those age 5-17 and over 65, and remained stable or decreased for all other ages. Pneumonia and influenza deaths exceeded the national epidemic threshold during week 48 but dropped below the threshold again in week 49. One long-term care facility with laboratory confirmed influenza A was reported during week 49. The University of Washington Virology Laboratory data showed increases in respiratory viruses including influenza A, RSV, parainfluenza and rhinovirus.

	Data for this week	Cumulative data this season since October 1, 2012
Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Deaths	0	0
King County Outpatient Sentinel Influenza Providers		
Specimens Submitted	18	91
Proportion Positive for Influenza	16.7%	Season Peak: 50.0%
A (H1)	0	0
A (H3)	2	12
A (Unknown)	1	1
В	0	0
Hospital Laboratory Influenza Rapid Antigen Test Submissions		
Number of Labs Reporting	6	Weekly Average: 9
Number of Specimens Submitted	300	Weekly Average: 203
Proportion of Tests Positive for Influenza	13.7%	Season Peak: 14.5%
Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)		
Proportion of Visits Due to ILI	1.5%	Season Peak: 1.6%
Percent of All King County Deaths Due to Pneumonia and Influenza (P & I)	6.4%	
National Epidemic Threshold	6.9%	# Weeks Threshold Exceeded: 1
Respiratory Disease Outbreaks at Long-Term Care Facilities (LCTFs)	1	1
Laboratory-Confirmed LTCF Influenza	1	1
Outbreaks	'	I
Weekly Percent of ED Visits for ILI by Year		Weekly Proportion of ED Visits for Influenza—Like Illness By Age Group
Legend — 2007-08 — 2008-09 — 2009-10 — 2010-	11	Legend — <2 yrs — 2 to 4 yrs — 5 to 17 yrs
Percent 2011-12 2012-13 5 yr awg	Dron	- 18 to 44 yrs - 45 to 64 yrs - 65+ yrs
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## Resources

Additional Flu Information, Resources and Surveillance: www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu

UW Virology Laboratory Respiratory Virus Surveillance: http://depts.washington.edu/rspvirus/documents/VD2012-13.pdf

Washington State Influenza Surveillance Update: www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/Epidemiology/CD/fluupdate.pdf

National Influenza Update: www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Global Influenza Update: www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/